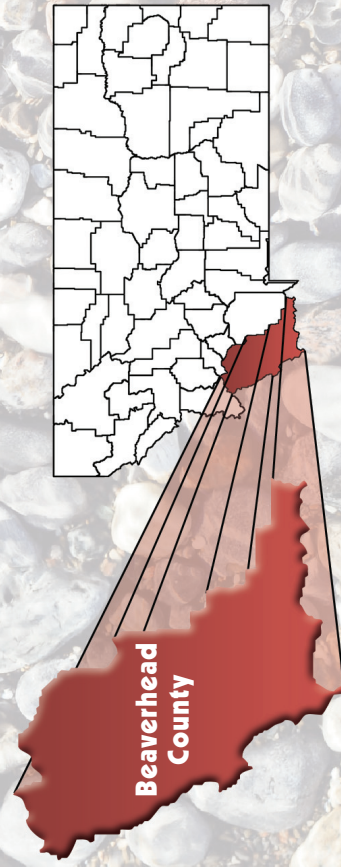




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# Demographic & Economic Information for Beaverhead County



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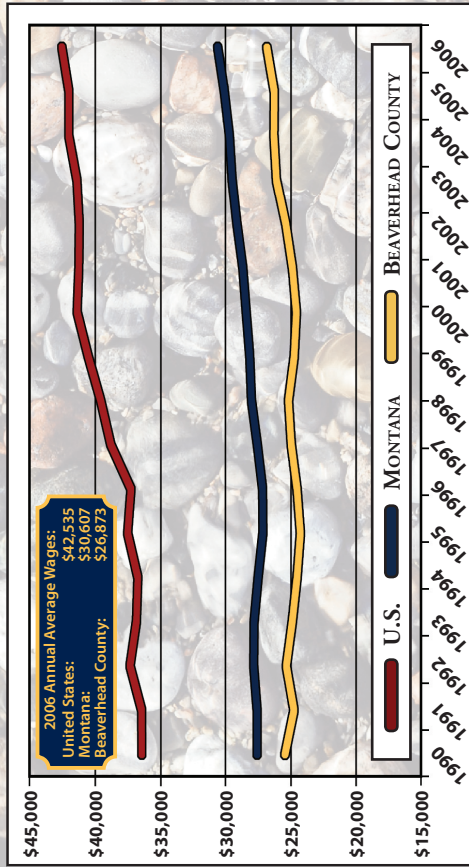
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## Annual Average Labor Force - Beaverhead County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	5,005	4,865	140	2.8%
2005	4,925	4,767	158	3.2%
2004	4,973	4,802	171	3.4%
2003	5,108	4,927	181	3.5%
2002	5,125	4,933	192	3.7%
2001	5,196	5,021	175	3.4%
2000	5,029	4,823	206	4.1%

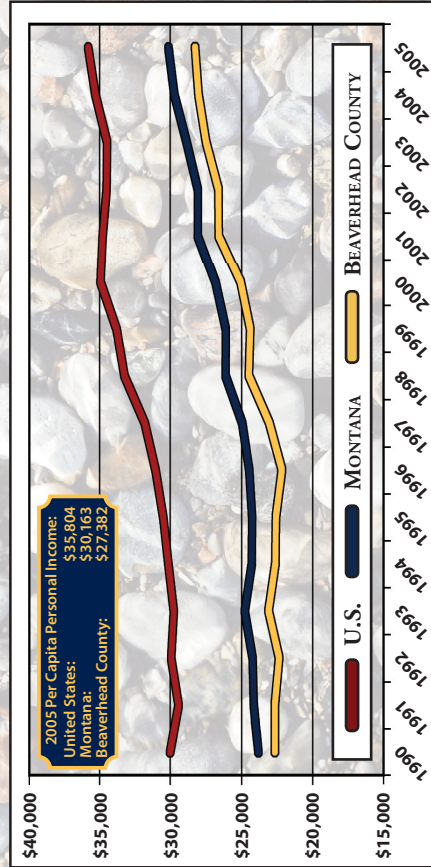
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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## BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Beaverhead County is Montana's twenty-fourth most populous county, with an estimated 8,743 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Dillon, the county seat, is the state's twenty-first largest city, with a population estimated at 4,056 in 2006.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Beaverhead County include Dell, Glen, Jackson, Lima, Polaris, Wisdom, and Wise River.

Beaverhead is the top cattle-producing county in Montana, making agriculture one of the staples of the county's economy. Beaverhead County is also home to Barretts Minerals, one of the world's largest talc mines. Gold and precious gemstones are also mined in the Beaverhead County.<sup>2</sup>

Dillon is known as the economic center for the region, being the largest city in a 60 mile radius, and having the only hospital (Barrett Hospital & Healthcare) within 65 miles to the north, 110 miles to the west, 140 miles to the south, and 120 miles to the east.<sup>2</sup> Dillon is also home to the University of Montana-Western Montana College, which reported an enrollment of 1,148 students for the Fall 2007-2008 semester.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

<sup>2</sup>"Our Region and Community," [www.barrethospital.org/getpage.php?name=community](http://www.barrethospital.org/getpage.php?name=community)

<sup>3</sup><http://www.umwestern.edu/campusinfo/page6.htm>

## Resources for Beaverhead County

### Chamber of Commerce

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### Newspaper

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### Economic Development

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### Job Service Workforce Center

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## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
INFORMATION	8	39	\$32,205
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	5	14	\$61,624
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	17	106	\$37,357
Credit intermediation & related activity	6	79	\$36,505
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	2	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	9	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	25	95	\$26,328
Real estate	21	51	\$17,005
Rental and leasing services	3	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	30	71	\$24,974
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	7	18	\$32,710
Administrative and support services	5	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	2	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	2	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	34	416	\$27,229
Ambulatory health care services	21	86	\$26,326
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	10	99	\$14,908
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	15	69	\$10,962
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	14	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	53	455	\$8,705
Accommodation	17	179	\$9,611
Food services and drinking places	36	276	\$8,116
OTHER SERVICES	31	78	\$10,780
Repair and maintenance	11	24	\$15,790
Personal and laundry services	5	9	\$16,640
Membership associations & organizations	11	38	\$5,576
Private households	5	7	\$14,467
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	39	955	\$34,244
Local Government	15	371	\$25,325
State Government	11	369	\$33,703
Federal Government	13	216	\$50,489

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	441	3,501	\$26,877
TOTAL PRIVATE	402	2,545	\$24,112
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	37	215	\$23,654
Crop production	2	*	*
Animal production	31	192	\$22,678
Forestry and logging	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
MINING	2	*	*
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	56	218	\$26,896
Construction of buildings	19	58	\$19,282
Heavy and civil engineering construction	4	68	\$35,073
Specialty trade contractors	33	92	\$25,614
MANUFACTURING	10	40	\$19,497
Food manufacturing	4	17	\$18,661
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	15	162	\$24,309
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	5	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	8	88	\$28,974
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	50	393	\$19,516
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	8	84	\$26,799
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	3	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	3	30	\$19,239
Food and beverage stores	5	96	\$19,991
Health and personal care stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	7	45	\$14,883
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	3	26	\$13,813
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	8	16	\$7,143
General merchandise stores	4	47	\$13,643
Miscellaneous store retailers	6	18	\$10,256
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	8	14	\$24,038

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

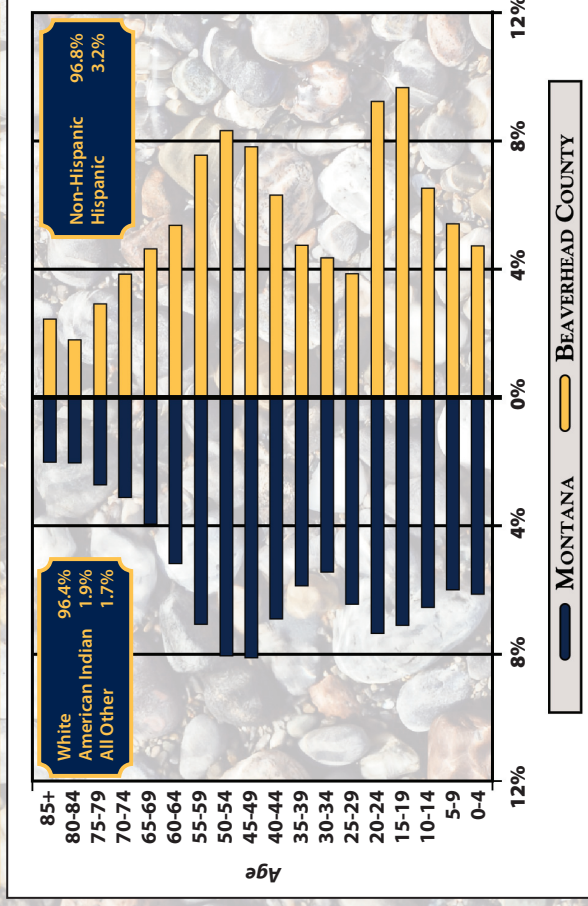
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## Population for Beaverhead County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	April 1, 2000
Beaverhead County	-5.0%	8,743	8,778	8,824	8,919	9,000	9,076	9,198	9,202
Dillon city	8.1%	4,056	4,070	4,001	4,036	4,069	4,106	4,151	3,752
Lima town	-6.6%	226	227	229	232	235	238	242	242
Balance of Beaverhead County	-14.3%	4,461	4,481	4,594	4,651	4,696	4,732	4,805	5,208

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Beaverhead County, 2006



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

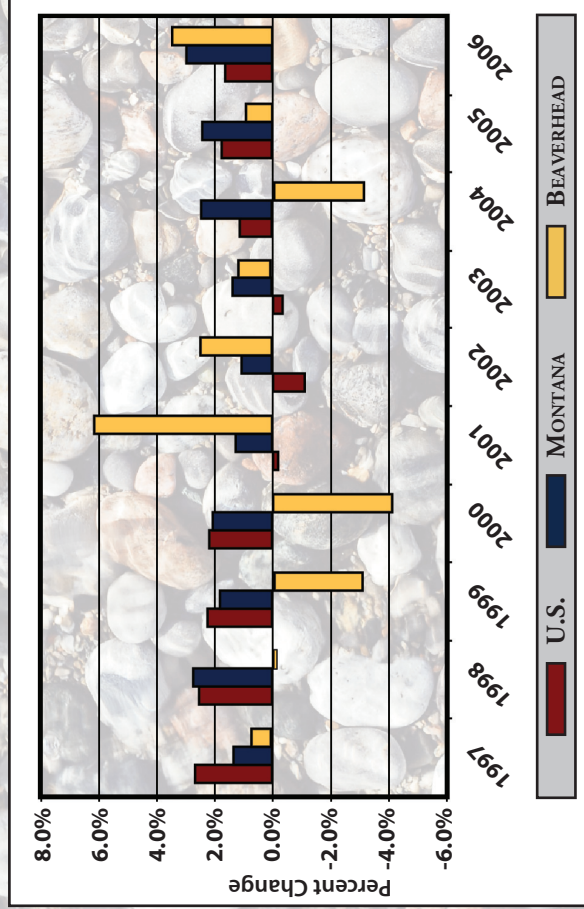
## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Beaverhead County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	10.7%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	29.1%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	28.3%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	18.7%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	5.2%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.5%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Beaverhead County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 10 Private Employers in Beaverhead County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Barrett Hospital & Healthcare	6	Rocky Mountain Supply	4
Barretts Minerals Inc.	6	Safeway	5
Great Harvest Bread Franchising	4	Southwestern Montana Family YMCA	4
Parkview Acres Care & Rehabilitation Center	5	State Bank & Trust Co.	4
R E Miller & Sons	4	Tyler & Hoerning Motors	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance, Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Beaverhead County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	421
Land in farms (acres)	1,279,031
Average size of farms (acres)	3,038
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	264
1,000 acres or more	157
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	301
\$100,000 or more	120
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	323
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	98

### Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	135,926
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	15,823
Horses and ponies	2,679
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	295
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	6,307
Winter wheat for grain	2,692
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	3,615
Barley for grain	2,557
Oats for grain	391
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	110,782

### Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	259
Other	162
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	352
Not on farm operated	69
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	120
10 years or more	301
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	213
55 years and over	208
Average age of operators: (number)	54.7

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
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